

Chetworth. Aug 14
1833

My dear Sir

There are circumstances
which make it quite impossible
for me to ask anything of
Lord Grey or any of the ministers,
but were there not I am quite
sure that a suggestion to Mr
Key would have been thought of
and all but appointed within
a few hours after the impropriety
of his holding the place became
known.

If a word from me could
have the power suggested, it

Should immediately be uttered
in your name, but I know
very well its inefficacy

Now I would you to do a
job for me — A Mr

Sturt has lately published his
travels in Southern Australia,
he lost his health and his
sight I am afraid in consequence
of the fatigue he underwent.
He mentions having landed
one time at Norfolk Island,
a penal settlement but
he does not give any account

of it. My object is to
get some information from
him through you concerning
the rare plant or tree called
the Norfolk Island Pine
(*Araucaria Excelsa*). I do
not know in what work to
find an account of it or
of the Island from whence
it comes. The account in
Mr Lambert's book is very
unsatisfactory.

Could you therefore at your
leisure find out where this
Mr Stuart is, and if he is
London I will enough see

him ^{as} from me to make the
enquiries I wanted. ^{to have} answered,
as to the rarity of the plant
and probability of growing it,
and manner of its growth on
the native soil, I refer to
its apothecary of Exeter.

Pray forgive this tedious
communication & believe me
most truly yours.

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I left Mr. Stuart's book in London,
& forgot his publisher, who
would know his address.

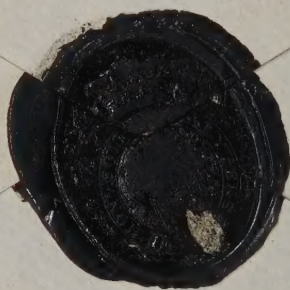
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